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OFFICE OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Revised Estimate of T-34 Tanks in the Cuban Revolutionary Army

1. DIA recently revised its estimate of the number of T-34 medium tanks in the Cuban Revolutionary Army, increasing the number from 210 to 450. Revision of this estimate was undertaken by DIA when well over 200 T-34 tanks were observed in parades held almost simultaneously in Havana and Santiago de Cuba in early January 1963. In addition, a few other T-34 tanks were located at Cuban military installations during the time of these parades.

2. CIA agrees that earlier estimates of the number of T-34 tanks in Cuban hands were low. We have reviewed all photographic and collateral evidence bearing on the problem with NPIC analysts, and we can now account for about 350 T-34 tanks. Great care was taken to avoid double-counting of these vehicles, and if there is an error in our figure, we feel that it is more likely on the low side.

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5. In summary, we believe that our figure of about 350 T-34 tanks in the Cuban Revolutionary Army may be a conservative figure, while the DIA figure of 450 may be high.

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